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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SCHMIDT *ET AL.*

Group Art Unit: 1639

Application No.: 09/743,746

Examiner: EPPERSON, J.D.

Filed: March 16, 2001

Title: ARYLSULFONE LINKERS FOR MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS

March 21, 2005

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee is included with this response.

Amendments to the claims and a complete listing of claims begin on page 2.  
Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.